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Mail Stop Reissue Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Application No. 09/574,946

Filed:

May 19, 2000

Title:

Methods and Compositions for Regulated

Transcription and Expression of Heterologous

Genes

Applicants:

SHEWMAKER et al.

Atty. Docket: 18866.002

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

- 1. an Amendment and Reply in response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004;
- 2. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
- 3. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 18866.002:

> \$ 110.00 one-month extension of time fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the the above fee (\$110), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the

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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 18866.002. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Enclosures

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed March 11, 2004, Applicants provide the following remarks.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.